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- 1. Following the Iron Guard rebellion of January 1941 in Rumania, which was initiated and directed by the "Executive Committee of the Legion", against the vory government in which the Legionnaires participated, the Iron Guard movement split into two main groups. One group included most of Horia Sima's staff and Legionary leaders, as well as the shock elements of the movement who had taken an active part in the rebellion, and who fled to Austria and Gormany. Father Vasile Boldeams, former Secretary General of the Legion at the time of the rebellion, claims that the total number of refugees to Austria and Gormany after the rebellion did not exceed 1,000. At the time when Horia Sima launched the Iron Guard attack, the Legionnaires controlled 60 percent of the ministries of General Automoscu's cabinet, included the Hinistry of Interior and the Siguranta. The other group included Legionnaires most of whom had not participated in the rebellion, who disavored the act, who were not afraid to remain in Rumania, but who were punished for the rebellion. Because of their membership in the Legion they filled the prisons and later manned "punishment battalions" on the Russian front.
- 2. Throughout the war, the Legiomaire refugees were intermed in German concentration camps and used by Hitler in blackmailing Antonescu. Host of the Legiomaire leaders were intermed in the Buchenwald camp. Antonescu's repeated requests for their repatriation to Rumania were refused by Hitler. Hitler assured Antonescu, at the time when each such request was made, that they had all been intermed and that their activities had thus been completely paralyzed.
- 3. The hardships of camp life, as well as the convictions of some of the Legionnaire leaders that Germany could no longer win the war, gave rise to the first divergencies of opinions among these refugee leaders as far back as 1942. By the end of 1944, when Germany's loss of the war had become a reality, those divergencies had developed into a definite break. The initiators of that separatist action had been Constantin/Papanace, Corneliu Georgescu and Lille/Lefter. Georgescu died in 1945 in Germanys.
- 4. After Rumania's withdrawal from the war on 23 August 1944, Sima's staff and the German authorities tried in vain to persuade the Papanace group to rejoin the Sima group. The Papanace group refused to join the Sima group and participate in the German sponsored "National Government" of Horia Sima.

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- 5. The reasons for disagreement and final split of the refugee Legionnairo movement into two groups were, according to C. Oragonir who is a fanatic "Nexican", as follows:
 - a. Papanace considered that the principles of doctrine based on violence and terrorism which Sima had displayed during the last years, were no longer necessary and should be abandomed.
 - b. The "liexicans" considered it necessary that the command of the refugee Legion be changed. In fact, they requested the custing of Horia Sima from that command.
 - ic. The "liexicans" requested a rapprochement with the Western Powers and implicitly the "democratization" of the Legionary movement.
- 6. The talks had with C. Dragomir in 1949, revealed the following:
 - a. The "Nexican" group is profoundly hostile to the Sima group.
 - b. The "Mexican" group does not seek a rapprochement with the Rumanian democratic political parties in exile, such as the National Peasant, National Liberal and Independent Social Parties. The group wishes to remain as a distinctly separate political organization and is in search of a formula which may give it, at least temporarily, a democratic cover.
 - c. The group is anti-monarchic and develops the same unfavorable current against King Mihai as the Sima group.
 - d. The group refuses to cooperate in any way with the present Rumanian National Committee.
 - e. The "Mexican" movement, whose leading members live in Italy, have infiltrated deeply into Roman Catholic circles in Rome, from Which they derive their means of existence. They have had an amount of success which should not be underestimated.
 - f. The "lexican" movement has no contact with Rumania, where it has no following whatsoever. This explains the fact that most of the members of that movement left Germany and Austria after Germany's surrender. They also feared the eventual reprisals of the occupying powers and the activities of the Sima group, which had a much larger membership and was better organised. The "texicans" did not seek to establish contact with Rumania with the assistance of the Western Powers, as was done by the Sima group.
 - g. In the summer of 1949 the "Mexican" group had from 60 to 80 members, whereas the membership of the Sima group was estimated at between 700
- 7. The geographic distribution of the "Nexicans" seems to be as follows:
 - a. None in Germany and Austria, which fact was confirmed by Father Barles.

 Vatioan representative in Germany in January 1950.
 - b. In France, a small group of very active men.
 - c. In Spain, there is a small nucleus which was very active until the spring of 1949 when Sima succeeded in consolidating his position there by sending to Barcelona some elements of the first order: Amente Grisul, (1) CRIS) alias Marin, who presently directs the "Romania Libera" broadcasting programs in Barcelona and Vasile Lasinschi, former Minister of Press and Propaganda in Rumania in 1940.
 - d. In Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela and Guetemala are located most of the members of the "Mexican" group.
 - e. The staff of the "Lexicens" resides in Italy.

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8. In 1946 the "Mexicans" started publishing Dacia in Argentina, but because of lack of funds the paper was not published regularly. The group publishes at present the paper in Rome and uses the columns of the Romania which is published at Indica Aires. Following are the leading personalities of the "Mexican" group.

Constantin Papanace Millo Lefter Stavri Cutumia Nie Rosu Alexander Gregorian, all residing in Rose, Italy

Horatiu Comaniciu Stefan Chendi Father Espartan Pathor Capros Ion Iliu

Ion Dragomir (known as Lt. Dragomir), all residing in Paris, France.

Ion Cotrus Ion Olt (alias, real name unknown), residing in Medrid, Spain.

Ilio Garnosta Vigrel Trifa Redu Ghenea Nelu Hanzatti Father Dan Father Dumitresou-Borsa Panteleciue, a leryer Alexandru Svotoovi Dumitru Seferian Engineer Virgil Ionesou Ion Arctianu Dr. Potrescu Stan Jonescu, a lavyer Harina Liviu Cosma lihail Codream Dr. Sobastian Potresou Frofessor Softs Petre Lipovami Vasile Iovin, all residing in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Horodniceanu, residing in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

9. Lately, just as the Sima group, the "Mexicans" made efforts to come out in the open and seek political recognition both from the leaders of the Rumanian emigration and from the Western Powers.

10. In regards to the Christian Democratic Party the following should be pointed out:

a. During the summer of 1947, Goneral Micoles Radesou had in mind to form a Christian Democratic Party and revealed his plans, though somewhat vaguely, to close friends.

b. During the autumn of 1947, Le Romanie Independents, which was published by Costel Constantineson, startled the Romanian refugees in France by revealing the formation of such a party and disclosing its program.

As it was generally known that Radesou had had several meetings with Costel Constantinesou in May and October 1947, Radesou was immediately linked, by Rumanian refugee circles, with the formation of the new political party. Being faced with that situation, Radesou hurriedly denied the paternity of the new political formula, although he continued to finance the publication of La Romanie Independents for the next several months. Costel Constantinesou, havever, disclosed to some Rumanian refugees in Paris in January 1948, that he had not launched the new political formula of his own initiative.

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- c. During the spring of 1949 conversations were started in Rome, and during the summer of the same year a "proces-verbel" for the formation of the Christian Democratic Party was signed in Rome by: Noratiu Comaniciu, 1 lie Garnesta, Hille Lefter, Constantin Papanace, Professor Horesou and Hiros Chiade (both closely connected with General Radesou's activities, Emilyasiliu-Cluj, General Dumitru Petresou and others.
- d. "The Democratic Union of Free Rumenians" (Uniumea Democrată a Românilor Liberi) which was formed by Radescu in December 1948, had not been successful. Following conversations in Paris, in October 1949, between Radescu, Emil Vasiliu-Cluj, General Dumitru Petrescu and especially Horațiu Comaniciu, who was very persevering in his desire to form a Christian Democratic Party, Comaniciu withdrew from the National Peasant Party and by implication from the Executive Committee of that Party, to which he had been admitted in January 1948. Comaniciu claimed to have very close connections with the leaders of the "Mexican" group, such as Papanace, Lefter, Moradniceanu and Garnesta, who had allegedly assured him of their support for the creation of the new political party, and to have assembled approximately sixty requests for membership in the Christian Democratic Party.